

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 19  
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A RESOLUTION to designate 2005 as the "Year of the Veteran"  
in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, our country was conceived by individuals willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure this nation's freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to have so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of Tennesseans over the years have continued the time-honored tradition of service to their country in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, throughout our country's existence, the members of the United States Armed Forces have unselfishly paid the price of freedom for their friends and families, and for all of us; and

WHEREAS, at this time in our nation's history all citizens should join together to celebrate the contributions and sacrifices of these men and women and express the gratitude due to those, past and present, who gave so much for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of this great state should honor and recognize all those sons and daughters of this great nation who have served in the armed forces in order that we might enjoy the many bounties of democracy and the American way of life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that 2005 be designated as the "Year of the Veteran" in Tennessee to honor those men and women veterans of the United States Armed Forces for their devotion to country and noble service to their fellow Americans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.